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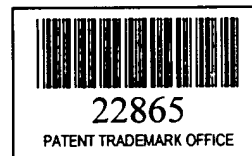
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 18 and 24 as follows.

A clean copy of the amended claims is included below. A marked up copy of the entire set of claims is included in Appendix A.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' attorney, Iain A. McIntyre at 952.253.4110.

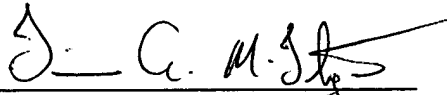
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